



Town Council

of the

Borough of Pembroke

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To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
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Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the health of the Borough during the year 1971.

HOUSING.

The Points Scheme for the allocation of council houses, which was started last year, continued to work in a most satisfactory manner; it provides a fair system of allocating available accommodation to those on the waiting list. A number of handicapped persons received priority with housing during the year. Because of the housing development in recent years, the waiting list at the end of the year was not a long one. Sixteen houses in the Pennar area became available for occupation during 1971.

A Rebate Scheme was introduced by the Council in July 1971, in an endeavour to help the lower income groups and pensioners.

In October 1971, the Council decided to apply the provisions of the Housing Finance Bill in April 1972 and issued an explanatory leaflet of the Rebate Scheme to tenants.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

It is gratifying to note the fall in the number of cases of measles, from over 200 last year to only 17 this year. However, it is not clear whether this is as a result of immunisation or the tendency of measles infection to occur biennially.

The number of cases of scarlet fever notified from the Borough increased from 14 last year to 28 this year; this is normally of a mild nature and no complications were reported.

An unusual feature this year, was the notification by family doctors, of 12 cases of whooping cough, in comparison with none the previous year. Research continues on the production of a more effective vaccine against this disease.

I am pleased to report that only one case of sickness due to a food poisoning organism was notified during the year. As in previous years, a small amount of 'tourist diarrhoea' in common with the rest of the County, was prevalent during the summer months.

It was decided by the Council that I should vaccinate, against influenza, all those members of the staff who requested it and this was carried out in November.

MILK SUPPLIES.

During 1971, much progress was made in encouraging producer/retailers of milk to join the Brucellosis Incentive Scheme and, by the end of the year, the majority of retailers in the south of the County were partaking in it. This is an important advance in the elimination of the risk of brucellosis from milk which may be consumed in the raw state.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council and its Officers for their courtesy and co-operation during the year.

I am,

Yours obediently,

M. Lawlor

MICHAEL LAWLOR, M.B., B.Ch.,
D.C.H., D.P.H.,

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S.

Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1971 14,200

	<u>Pem.Boro¹</u> <u>1971.</u>	<u>Pem.Boro¹</u> <u>1970.</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke.</u>	<u>England &</u> <u>Wales.</u>
Live Births	286	300		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	20.1	20.8	15.4	16.0
Illegitimate Live Births	28	27		
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	10	9	8	8
Still Births	3	7		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	10	23	26	12
Total Live & Still Births	289	307		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1yr)	3	4		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	10	13	18	18
- legitimate	12	15	19	17
- illegitimate	Nil	Nil	8	24
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4wks)(per 1,000 Live Births)	3	Nil	15	12
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1wk)(per 1,000 Live Births)	..3	Nil	13	10
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1wk & Still Births combined)(per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	14	23	39	22
Maternal Deaths	Nil	Nil		0.17
Deaths	183	194		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	12.9	13.5	13.1	11.6



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INFANT DEATHS.

Three infants died under 1 year of age during 1971; 2 females and 1 male, details are as follows :-

- 1) Female child, aged 1 month, died from Pneumonia.
- 2) Female child, aged 4 months, died from Spina Bifida.
- 3) Male child, aged 2 months, died from Pneumonia.

DEATHS. (General)

The death rate for this year is slightly lower than last year, but remains above the national rate. Once again, heart disease accounted for the largest proportion of the deaths - 48 ; 42 deaths were due to malignant disease and 13 of these were due to cancer of the lung.

Approximately 29.5% of the deaths occurred in the 70 - 80 years age group and approximately 24.6% in persons aged over 80 years.

<u>Causes of death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	95	88
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	1	-
Late effects of respiratory tuberculosis	-	1
Other infective and parasytic diseases	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity, etc.,	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	4
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	3	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	11	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	4	6
Diabetes mellitus	1	1
Other endocrine etc., diseases	1	1
Anaemia	1	-
Multiple sclerosis	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system	2	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1
Hypertensive disease	4	4
Ischaemic heart disease	30	17
Other forms of heart disease	1	-
Cerebrovascular disease	5	14
Other diseases of circulatory system	7	6
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	8	10
Bronchitis and emphysema	4	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-
Congenital anomalies	-	1
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.,	-	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	3
Motor vehicle accidents	3	1
All other accidents	2	3

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified to me from the Borough during the year :-

- 4 Infective Jaundice
- 8 Dysentery
- 28 Scarlet Fever
- 1 Food Poisoning
- 17 Measles
- 3 Respiratory Tuberculosis
- 12 Whooping Cough,

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were two deaths from tuberculosis during the year; one male patient (55 - 64 yrs age group) died from respiratory tuberculosis and one female, in the same age group, died from the late effects of respiratory tuberculosis. There were three new cases of the disease notified during the year, all male patients, aged between 38 years and 79 years.

Prevention of Tuberculosis: B.C.G. vaccination of school children (13 years and over) was carried out as usual during the Autumn term, at Coronation Secondary and Bush Grammar Schools. A total of 216 pupils were skin tested and 199 of these were vaccinated. Dr. D. Llewelyn Davies continued to vaccinate contacts at the Chest Clinic, one of such clinics being held weekly at Penbroke Dock.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946.

Local Health Services:

Care of Mothers and Young Children. Regular weekly Ante-natal clinics and Relaxation Classes continued at Penbroke Dock during the year, together with weekly infant welfare clinics, at which a Medical Officer is present. A Medical Officer attends the infant welfare clinic at Penbroke on the first Thursday in every month.

Domiciliary Midwifery, District Nursing and Health Visiting. These services were carried out during the year under the supervision of the County Nursing Officer.

Vaccinations and Immunisations. This service was continued regularly during the year at the infant welfare clinics and at many school sessions. The following details relate to all children under 16 years of age who received vaccination or immunisation in the County during 1971:-

Primary Triple immunisations (Diphtheria, Whooping cough and Tetanus):	1,769
Booster Diphtheria and Tetanus doses:	1,284
Whooping cough immunisations:	1,772
Primary Tetanus immunisations:	2,052
Primary Poliomyelitis vaccinations:	1,810
Booster Polio. doses:	1,473
B.C.G. vaccinations:	1,124
T.B. Contacts vaccinations:	54
Measles vaccinations:	747
Rubella (German Measles) vaccinations:	909.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 (and AMENDMENT ACT 1951)

Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

As your Medical Officer and authorised officer of the Council, I found it necessary to remove three elderly ladies from their homes, under the above Section, during 1971; two were admitted to Old People's Homes and one to hospital.
